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WEATHER

Precipitation was nil or below normal over most of the State. Temperatures averaged 5-8 degrees above normal with afternoon readings 20-25 degrees above normal mid-week.

CROPS

Nebraska farmers and ranchers took advantage of the ideal fall weather this past week in finishing up fall grain harvest, harvesting crop residues, doing fall fieldwork and general farm work. During our survey period (November 16-22), the entire week was suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were short in 74% of the counties reporting as of last Friday. Subsoil moisture remains short in 99% of the counties. Moisture is needed in most areas of the State for the fall seeded crops, pastures, and replenishing subsoil water. Reportedly, more acres are being fertilized this fall than normal due to uncertain supplies in the coming year.

Corn harvest is nearing completion over the State. All districts report 95% or more of their corn harvested although a few counties were only 90% complete. The State 5-year average harvest for this date is 80% but includes the late 1972 harvest season. A year ago 85% had been harvested. Moisture content averaged near 15%, 3 points below last week and last year.

CROPS (Cont.)

Sorghum harvest is also nearing completion. All districts report from 94% to 100% harvested to date; this compares to the normal of 85%. A year ago harvest was virtually complete by this date. Test weight is still reported as light.

Wheat condition continued to improve due to the rains a week ago and the favorable weather conditions. Of the counties reporting, 10% assess the condition as poor, 64% as fair, 20% as good, and 6% as excellent. The east and southeast districts report mostly good to excellent conditions, and the other districts are mostly fair to good. The recent moisture and above normal temperatures also helped some wheat to finally sprout and grow. Other areas not receiving moisture still report poor conditions and spotty stands. Additional moisture is needed in most areas to insure good growth.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies remain short in 92% of the counties reporting. Cattle on corn and milo stubble fields are taking full advantage of the crop residues, requiring only limited supplemental feeding. Close culling is continuing over the State, especially where winter feed supplies will be short.

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1</u> / <u>100</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	72	17	42	--	T
	Scottsbluff	73	19	41	+7	T
	Sidney	74	15	42	--	T
NC	Burwell	71	18	39	--	T
	Valentine	72	17	40	+8	.09
NE	Norfolk	68	20	41	+7	T
	Sioux City	64	16	40	+6	.03
CEN	Grand Island	69	20	43	+7	.01
EC	Lincoln	68	23	43	+6	T
	Omaha	67	21	45	+7	.07
SW	Imperial	75	17	42	--	.02
	North Platte	72	12	38	+4	.01

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